FY 2006-2007 TRAINING SCHEDULE



THE OFFICE OF INNOVATIONS & SOLUTIONS (HR-20) Enterprise Training Services



PROFESSIONAL SKILLS AND TECHNICAL TRAINING PROGRAM & PROJECT MANAGEMENT CAREER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Attached is the Training Schedule which includes upcoming courses for the Professional Skills & Technical Training Program and the Project Management Career Development Program (PMCDP).

Registration: Please use the Corporate Human Resource Information System (CHRIS) Workflow process to request training enrollment, for those organizations currently using workflow. *The Office of Innovations & Solutions will assess the course cost for this training session directly through each organization's Working Capital Fund account for each individual who registers.*

Points of Contact: For additional information that isn't available in this schedule, please contact the training assistant assigned to the course you're inquiring about. You may also contact any training assistant to find out which training consultant is assigned to your organization.

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Course	Date	Program	CHRIS	Session	Location	POC/Telephone	Cost
			Code	Number			
Advanced Concepts In Project Management	Sept. 26-Nov.10, 2006	PMCDP	001023	0015	Chicago Operations Office	Linda Media (630) 252-2336	N/A
Advanced Concepts In Project Management	October 23-December 8, 2006	PMCDP	001023	0016	Richland, WA	Jodi Dawson (509) 376-5634	N/A
Advanced Leadership	October 2-6, 2006	PMCDP	001041	0001	U.S. DOE, Germantown Room A-410	Mary McCune (301) 903-8152	N/A
Advanced Leadership	January 22-26, 2007	PMCDP	001041	0002	Chicago Operations Office	Linda Media (630) 252-2336	N/A
Contract Administration for Technical Representatives (Non M&O)	October 3-5, 2006	Professional Skills	000058	0096	DOE Forrestal Building Washington, DC Room GH-043	Joyce Lancaster	\$690
Contract Administration for Technical Representatives (Non M&O)	October 24-26, 2006	PMCDP	000058	0098	Golden Field Office	Beth Stover (303) 275-4923	N/A
Contract Administration for Technical Representatives (M&O) *Course is For Y-12 Group in Oak Ridge Only	September 26-27, 2006	PMCDP	000058	0099	Y-12 Site Office Oak Ridge, TN	Molly Saenz (505) 845-5257	N/A
Contract Administration for Technical Representatives (Non M&O) *Course is For Y-12 Group in Oak Ridge Only	September 26-28, 2006	Professional Skills	000058	0097	Y-12 Site Office Oak Ridge, TN	Molly Saenz (505) 845-5257	N/A

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COR Refresher	October 6, 2006	Professional Skills	001057	0024	DOE Forrestal Building Washington, DC Room GH-043	Joyce Lancaster	\$230
Cost and Scheduled Estimation	November 13-17, 2006	PMCDP	000139	0010	NETL-Morgantown Building 26, Room G51B	Laurel Brletic (412) 386-5828	N/A
CSRS Retirement Seminar	September 26-28, 2006	Professional Skills	000033	0052	DOE Forrestal Building Washington, DC Room GH-035	Derrick Collier (Primary) Heather Barth (Alternate)	\$690
CSRS Retirement Seminar	October 25-27, 2006	Professional Skills	000033	0053	U.S. Department of Energy Germantown Room A-410	Shira Holmes (Primary) Derrick Collier (Alternate)	\$690
FERS Retirement Preparation Seminar	September 20-22, 2006	Professional Skills	000038	0003	DOE Forrestal Building Washington, DC Room GH043	Shira Holmes (Primary) Derrick Collier (Alternate)	\$690
FERS/CSRS Mid-Career Retirement Planning	December 12-13, 2006	Professional Skills	000066	0003	DOE Forrestal Building Washington, DC Room GH027	Dee Campos (Primary) (202) 586-9543 Jackie Battle (Alternate) (202) 586-9547	\$460
National Environmental Policy Act & Environmental Laws and Regulation (NEPA)	November 7-9, 2006	PMCDP	001046	0010	NETL – Pittsburgh Building 922, Section A	Laurel Brletic (412) 386-5828	N/A

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Performance Based Contracting, Implementation and Management	September 26-28, 2006	PMCDP	001040	0004	Chicago Operations Office Argonne National Laboratory	Linda Media (630) 252-2336	N/A
Project Management Essentials	October 2-December 8, 2006	PMCDP	001022	0030	Yucca Mountain Site Characterization Office	Nora Gilbert (702) 794-1441	N/A
Project Management Essentials	October 2-December 8, 2006	PMCDP	001022	0031	Savannah River Site Office Room TBD	Jean Stump (803) 952-9462	N/A
Project Management Simulation	October 2-6, 2006	PMCDP	001029	0012	Chicago Operations Office Argonne National Laboratory Building 617 (Lower Level)	Linda Media (630) 252-2336	N/A
Project Risk Analysis and Management	September 26-29, 2006	PMCDP	001033	0008	Chicago Operations Office Building 212, Room A-157	Linda Media (630) 252-2336	N/A
Intro to Purchase Card	October 17-18, 2006	Professional Skills	000914	0011	DOE Forrestal Building Washington, DC Room GH043	Heather Barth (Primary) Joyce Lancaster (Alternate)	\$460
Purchase Card Refresher	October 19, 2006	Professional Skills	001067	0014	DOE Forrestal Building Washington, DC Room GH043	Heather Barth (Primary) Joyce Lancaster (Alternate)	\$230
Real Property Asset Management	November 14-16, 2006	Professional Skills	001183	0013	Nevada Support Facility Searchlight Conference Room C211	Mary Richards (702) 295-6238	N/A

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Scope Management & Baseline Development	October 24-26, 2006	PMCDP	001036	0001	Chicago Operations Office	Linda Media (630) 252-2336	N/A
Scope Management & Baseline Development	October 17-19, 2006	PMCDP	001036	0003	NETL-Morgantown Building 26, Room G51B	Laurel Brletic (412) 386- 5828	N/A
Value Management	October 17-19, 2006	PMCDP	001037	0004	Nevada Support Facility Great Basin, Room A107	Mary Richards (702) 295-6238	N/A

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

ADVANCED CONCEPTS IN PROJECT MANAGEMENT

This course is part of the Project Management Career Development Program (PMCDP). It is required for PMCDP Level 2 certification and information technology (IT) project management certification, but it applies to all levels of project director development. This course is presented in a blended learning format that includes a 2-hour televideo conference session once a week over approximately five weeks and one 3-day resident seminar. This highly interactive course begins with an online self-assessment of the participants' project management experience and includes project management topic areas:

- Pre-project planning
- Integrated safety management
- Quality management
- Systems engineering
- Value management
- Integrated project teams
- Effective briefing techniques

Requirement: To earn course credit, participants must attend all sessions and complete all course assignments, including successful completion of course exams.

Target Audience: Level 2 Federal project directors; IT project directors; integrated project team members; and prospective project directors. Attendees of this course should have at least five years experience in project management and should currently be in a project management position on a project with a total project cost (TPC) of at least 20 million dollars; however, the course will be beneficial to PMCDP participants seeking higher levels of certification. (TPC may differ for IT project directors.)

ADVANCED LEADERSHIP

At the completion of the course, students will be able to:

Describe their leadership strengths and weaknesses

Identify historical leaders and their characteristics

Discuss the relationship between ethics and leadership

List the characteristics of a leadership model relevant to DOE

Develop effective communication strategies and vehicles

Negotiate to a win-win solution

Motivate their team/group/division

Manage common conflict situations faced by senior DOE managers

Develop an action plan

Apply a structured decision model

Avoid common decision traps

Apply five decision support tools

Compare and contrast the roles and responsibilities of program and senior project managers

Gain stakeholder alignment

Apply a structured strategic planning process

Promote collaborative planning

Know the appropriate and inappropriate situations in which to use nine common influence techniques

Describe their role in influencing their team/group/division's culture

List solutions to the Budget Problem

List solutions to the Authority Problem

List characteristics of bad leaders

Create a personal development plan

CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION FOR TECHNICAL REPRESENTATIVES (PRS17)

This 3-day course is designed for employees who have valuable technical or functional expertise, but little formal training in procurement, who need to know what to do when tasked to be Contracting Officer's Representatives (COR) on a DOE <u>non-M&O</u> prime contract. Topics include: authorities and responsibilities; ethics; communicating with the contracting officer; understanding the contract; contract planning; modifying contracts; ratifying contracts; issuing task orders; exercising contract options; evaluating contractor performance; handling performance problems; completing the contract; and contract termination. Upon completion of the course, each participant should be able to:

- Understand DOE's approach to contract administration.
- Describe the role of the COR, particularly in relation to the contracting officer and the contractor.
- Identify the duties of the COR and how to effectively complete assigned responsibilities.

Requirement: This is a 24-hour requirement course. <u>All participants must attend the full 3-days of training to receive PMCDP credit, re-certification, and certificate of completion</u>

Target Audience: Personnel designated as CORs who have not completed the required training

COR REFRESHER (PRS18)

This 1-day course is designed to meet the Contract Officer's Representative (COR) re-certification requirement. The course provides required training in responsibilities and limitations of authority of COR's. It is intended for the experienced COR and is required every two years as a refresher. Upon completion of the course, each participant should be able to 1) List and describe the assigned duties as Contracting Officer's Representative; 2) Demonstrate an awareness of the complex and challenging responsibilities of contracting (GS-1100 series) personnel in carrying out the "Law of the Land" as embodied in the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR); 3) Given a common acquisition scenario, detail the statutory and procedural requirements of the FAR; 4). Provide examples demonstrating a basic understanding of the importance of teamwork between the technical community and the contracting community for effectively conducting the contracting process; and 5) Lead a discussion reinforcing the level of awareness of the non-contracting employees' value and importance in the contracting process.

Requirement: This is an eight-hour requirement course. All participants must attend the full day of training to receive a certificate of course completion

Target Audience: Personnel who have completed the 3-day COR training; for COR re-certification; and experienced COR

COST AND SCHEDULE ESTIMATION

This course is part of the Project Management Career Development Program (PMCDP). It is an elective course for PMCDP Level 2 Certification, but applies to all levels of project director development. This course provides participants with a high-level overview of cost and schedule estimation techniques necessary for successful project management. Participants will receive practical skills training on how to develop independent cost and schedule estimates and how such estimates factor into a project's baseline. The course teaches skills used across the project life cycle, but focuses on estimates developed in project planning and the early stages of project execution (preliminary design). This course prepares the participant to use project scope as the basis for a project's cost and schedule estimates. Participants will be able to

- Work through aspects cost estimating with actual scenarios and defend the course of action chosen
- Develop a base cost estimate
- Develop cost and schedule contingency estimates
- Apply life-cycle costing techniques
- Validate estimates

Requirement: To earn course credit, participants must attend all sessions and complete all course assignments, including successful completion of any exams.

Target Audience: Level 2 or higher Federal project directors; integrated project team members; and prospective project directors. Attendees of this course should have at least five years experience in project management and should currently be in a project management position on a project with a total project cost of at least 20 million dollars.

CSRS RETIREMENT PREPARATION SEMINAR

This 3-day course is designed to stimulate positive thinking toward proper planning for post-retirement years. Emphasis will be placed on advanced preretirement planning rather than specific retirement benefits. This seminar will cover: CSRS benefits; other retirement benefits (health benefits, life insurance, and the Thrift Savings Plan); estate planning; financial planning; tax and legal issues; health and fitness or health considerations; social security benefits and medicare; and life after retirement.

Target Audience: Open to all DOE FERS employees (5 years from retirement) and their spouses (attendance of a spouse must be noted on the Standard Form 182, Block 16)

FERS RETIREMENT PREPARATION SEMINAR

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Target Audience: Open to all DOE FERS employees (5 years from retirement) and their spouses (attendance of a spouse must be noted on the Standard Form 182, Block 16)

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT & ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS AND REGULATION

This course is part of the Project Management Career Development Program (PMCDP). It is an elective course for PMCDP Level 3 certification, but it may apply to other levels of project director development. This 3-day course discusses the impact of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) on the responsibilities of a DOE project director, and it provides participants with a broad knowledge of the major environmental regulatory acts and the agencies that govern DOE operations with respect to the environment.

This course addresses:

- National Environmental Policy Act
- Other environmental regulations
- DOE Environmental Management System
- Integration of environmental regulatory requirements into the critical decision process and overall project schedule

Requirement: To earn course credit, participants must attend all sessions and complete all course assignments, including successful completion of course exam.

Target Audience: Federal project directors, prospective project directors, and IPT members. The course is designed for project directors with at least seven years of experience in project management and who currently work in a project management position on a project with a total project cost (TPC) of at least 100 million dollars; however, it will be beneficial to any project director involved with environmental regulations.

PERFORMANCE-BASED CONTRACTING, IMPLEMENTATION AND MANAGEMENT

This course is part of the Project Management Career Development Program (PMCDP). It is required for PMCDP Level 3 certification, but it applies to all levels of project director development. Encompassing the entire performance-based management contracting planning process, from DOE's strategic planning through performance measurement, this two-day course addresses:

- Statutory, regulatory, and DOE policy for Performance-Based Management Contracts
- DOE's Strategic Management System, including planning, budget formulation and execution, and program evaluation
- Team roles and responsibilities in planning for and developing Performance-Based Management Contracts
- Developing requirements documents: performance work statements, work authorizations, performance baselines
- Using Performance-based management elements: Quality Assurance Surveillance Plans, Contract Management and Administration Plans, risk assessments and analysis, incentive plans, Performance Evaluation and Measurement Plans, and earned value management

Requirement: To earn course credit, participants must attend all sessions and complete all course assignments, including successful completion of course exam.

Target Audience: Federal project directors, prospective project directors, and integrated project team members. The course is designed for project directors with approximately three years experience in project management who currently work in a project management position on a project with a total project cost (TPC) of at least 5 million dollars; however, it will be beneficial to PMCDP participants seeking higher levels of certification.

PROJECT MANAGEMENT ESSENTIALS

This course is part of the Project Management Career Development Program (PMCDP). It is required for PMCDP Level 1 certification and information technology (IT) project management certification, but it applies to all levels of project director development. This blended learning course is presented in ten 2-hour televideo conference sessions and one 3-day resident seminar over approximately two months. The course addresses

- Project risk management
- Earned value management systems and project reporting
- Life cycle cost estimating
- Leadership and teambuilding
- Work breakdown structure development and project scope baselines
- Configuration management
- Project planning and resource loaded scheduling

REQUIREMENT: To earn course credit, participants must attend all sessions and complete all course assignments, including successful completion of course exams.

TARGET AUDIENCE: Level 1 or higher federal project directors; IT project directors; integrated project team members; and prospective project directors. Attendees at this course should have at least three years experience in project management and should currently be in a project management position on a project with a total project cost (TPC) of at least 5 million dollars; however, the course will be beneficial to PMCDP participants seeking higher levels of certification. (TPC may differ for IT project directors.)

PROJECT MANAGEMENT SIMULATION

This course is part of the Project Management Career Development Program (PMCDP). It is required for PMCDP Level 2 certification, but it applies to all levels of project director development. This computer-based project management simulation enables participants to exercise and integrate a wide variety of project management skills. This 5-day course addresses:

- Developing defensible project plans
- Applying PM tools and techniques effectively to plan, track, and control projects
- Improving project team performance
- Improving interpersonal effectiveness
- Analyzing project information, report status, and needs
- Identifying complex project tradeoff decisions
- Recognizing when to focus on task and when to focus on process

Requirement: To earn course credit, participants must attend all sessions and complete all course assignments, including successful completion of course exam.

Target Audience: Level 2 federal project directors, prospective project directors, and IPT members. Attendees of this course should have a minimum of five years of experience in project management and should currently work in a project or program management position for a project with a total project cost (TPC) of at least 20 million dollars; however, it will be highly beneficial to PMCDP participants seeking any level of certification.

PROJECT RISK ANALYSIS AND MANAGEMENT

This course is designed to prepare DOE project managers to: determine project risks and develop risk management and mitigation strategies; determine at which points in a project life cycle Risk Analyses should be performed; evaluate potential risk probability and consequences, determine risk factors, select risk management or mitigation strategies, and develop a risk management plan. Participants will also acquire the skills that will enable them to assign risk responsibility between DOE and contractors; determine appropriate project cost and schedule contingencies for identified risks; determine appropriate project management and controls tools to assist in managing identified risks; and evaluate project Estimates at Completion (EAC) and remaining contingencies to determine adequacy of funds. The course also integrates a representative project management software risk analysis tool, using laptop computers, to demonstrate current modeling tools and techniques in managing risk.

Recommended Prerequisite(s): PGM01, PMC10 or PMMS5

Target Audience: Project Managers or team members; program and matrix staff who require a better understanding of risk management.

INTRODUCTION TO PURCHASE CARD PROGRAM

This 2-day course will provide the necessary purchase card training for all personnel who have delegated purchase card authority. The attendees will receive instruction in the basic concepts of Government contracting and accountability, and its implementation via the GSA "Smart Pay" program. Attendees will learn how to properly employ this method for individual purchases to provide timely, cost effective support, while maintaining appropriate attention to fiduciary duties. The instructor will present a detailed knowledge of the purchase card process, sufficient to ensure the participants' ability to properly place and administer purchase card transactions in a safe and effective manner; provide general overview of the DOE acquisition environment, procurement methods, and acquisition reform efforts suitable to provide a context for purchase card use; outline the GSA Smart Pay Program and DOE purchase card implementation policy/guidance in sufficient detail to recognize overarching program objectives, required buying and administration processes, and to understand purchase card conditions, constraints, and prohibitions; explain the statutory, regulatory, and policy requirements related to procurement integrity/ethics, and their application in a purchase card environment.

Target Audience: Required training for personnel who have been delegated for purchase card authority

PURCHASE CARD REFRESHER

This course is designed as a refresher for employees who have already completed the 2-day training on purchase card delegation/appointment. Topics include: instruction in the basic concepts of Government contracting and accountability and its implementation via the GSA "SmartPay" program; the purchase card process; an overview of the DOE acquisition environment, procurement methods, and acquisition reform efforts suitable to provide a context for purchase card use; the statutory, regulatory, and policy requirements related to procurement integrity/ethics, and their application in a purchase card environment.

Requirement: This is an 8 hour requirement course. All participants must attend the full day of training to receive credit, re-certification, and certificate of completion. (This course is required every two years as a refresher for the Introduction to Purchase Card Program re-certification.)

Recommended prerequisite(s): *Introduction to Purchase Card Program*

Target Audience: Personnel who have been or are likely to be tasked with purchase card delegation who has already taken the required 2-day training

REAL PROPERTY ASSET MANAGEMENT (PMCE07)

Real Property Asset Management (RPAM) is a three-day course focusing on the requirements of DOE Order 430.1B, Real Property Asset Management. In the course you will learn a systematic, integrated approach to the management of federal real property. The course addresses real property planning and management, Ten-Year Site Plans, real property status reporting requirements and mechanisms, value engineering, performance management, and DOE and contractor roles and responsibilities for real property asset management. Also included in the course are the requirements contained in the Executive Order, Federal Real Property Asset Management (EO 13327 - 69 r. Reg. 589, February 4, 2004) which places greater visibility on management of real property assets.

Requirement: The objective is to establish a corporate, holistic, and performance-based approach to real property life-cycle asset management that links real property asset planning, programming, budgeting, and evaluation to program mission projections and performance outcomes.

Target Audience: Employees involved with the planning, acquisition, maintenance and recapitalization, disposal or long-term stewardship of DOE real property lands or facilities.

SCOPE MANAGMENT AND BASELINE DEVELOPMENT

This course is part of the Project Management Career Development Program (PMCDP). It is an elective course for PMCDP Level 2 Certification, but applies to all levels of project director development. This course is deigned to enhance the participant's ability to clearly define requirements and scope, develop a defensible baseline, and manage conformance to the baseline throughout the project life-cycle. Participants will be able to

- Conduct effective requirements identification and validation
- Prioritize requirements, conduct trade-off analyses, and determine whether requirements are functional or non-functional
- Identify project risks and requirement restraints and assess their impact on baselines
- Develop and use work breakdown structures to support scope management
- Recognize and control scope and configuration changes throughout the project life cycle.

Requirement: To earn course credit, participants must attend all sessions and complete all course assignments, including successful completion of any exams.

Target Audience: Level 2 or higher Federal project directors; integrated project team members; and prospective project directors. Attendees of this course should have at least five years experience in project management and should currently be in a project management position on a project with a total project cost of at least 20 million dollars.

VALUE MANAGEMENT

This course is part of the Project Management Career Development Program (PMCDP). As a Level 2 elective, it is a component of PMCDP Level 2 certification, but it applies to all levels of project director development. With a focus on how the value management (VM) process can be used to improve the cost and schedule of most DOE projects, this 3-day course addresses:

- Building and leading VM teams
- Understanding the six-step VM job plan
- VM definitions, principles, and concepts
- Contractual aspects of VM
- VM and the project life cycle
- Function analysis in the VM process

Requirement: To earn course credit, participants must attend all sessions and complete all course assignments, including successful completion of course exam.

Target Audience: Federal project directors, prospective project directors, and IPT members. The course is designed for project directors with at least five years experience in project management who currently work in a project management position on a project with a total project cost (TPC) of at least 20 million dollars; however, it will be beneficial to PMCDP participants seeking higher levels of certification.